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OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ELECTORAL OFFICER PUDUCHERRY

"Greater Participation for a Stronger Democracy"

No.E1-1(IntensiveRevision)/2015

Puducherry, dt.12.2.2015

To
Shri.Narendra N Butolia, Secretary,
Election Commission of India
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Sir,

Sub.: Elections - Intensive Revision - Improvement in Electoral Rolls -
Launching of Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Drive-
(ERPAD) - Workshop - Reg.

Ref.: 1 Your letter No.23/1/2015-ERS dated 7.2.2015
2 Letter No.23/UID/2014-ERS dated 9.2.2015 of Shri.I.C.Goel,
Under Secretary

I am directed to refer to the letter first cited under reference and to state that in so far as U.T of Puducherry is concerned, seeding of Aadhaar number/email ID/mobile number has already been taken up. While the intention of the Commission to publish 100% error free draft roll on 1st Oct 2015 is to be appreciated, the modalities for achieving this has to be multipronged.

The Commission having decided to go in for intensive revision, it could perhaps adopt the method followed for intensive revision of door to door survey as a concurrent part of ERPAD as part of the suggested multipronged approaches such as online seeding, SMS Gateway, e-mail and mobile application etc. The BLOs may carry out verification of each and every elector in the draft roll and Supervisors may be appointed to review the field visit of BLO on day to day basis. The BLOs could be provided with pre-printed forms containing the names of electors in each house, seeking the particulars of Aadhar number, Mobile Number and e-mail ID. The twin objective of verification of the elector and collection of Aadhar for seeding could be achieved by this drive.

A separate Camp Office of ERO / AERO may be created in each ERO office with data entry cell during the field verification days to key in the data on daily basis and generate MIS reports on the particulars of electors verified, pending electors and also the details of aadhar numbers collected etc. The Camp Office could also function as a convergent point to collect and dispose claims and objections during the field verification period. The aforesaid suggestion could be made part and parcel of the activities proposed for ERPAD. The entire exercise could be carried out in one go instead of repeat exercise during revision.

This issues with the approval of the Chief Electoral Officer.

Yours faithfully,

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**Government of Rajasthan
Election Department**

No. F.3(2)(1)Rolls/Elec/2015/ 582

Jaipur, dated 10 Feb, 2015.

From : **The Chief Electoral Officer**
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To : **Shri Narendra N. Butolia**
Secretary,
Election Commission of India,
New Delhi.

Sub : Improvement in Electoral Rolls - Reg.

Ref : Commission's Letter No. 23/1/2015-ERS
dated 07-02-2015.

Sir,

Kindly refer to Commission's Letter dated 07-02-2015. The suggestions/inputs on the draft guidelines for Improvement in Electoral Rolls are as follows:-

1. The Commission proposes to allow 5 other documents namely, Passport, Driving Licence, PAN No., TIN No. or Bank Account in the absence of Aadhar data.

Suggestion is, to use only Aadhar data, as allowing other 5 documents may again lead to chances of duplicate entries. Any elector might use separate documents for his/her enrolment at more than one place.

2. The Commission has created a National Voters Service Portal (NVSP) on which self feeding by elector has been allowed.

In this regard, it is suggested that feeding of information through SMS Gateway, Mobile App., E mail etc. may also be facilitated through a Central Portal.

Submitted for further necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



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सेवा में.

सचिव,
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विषय: निर्वाचक नामावली में सुधार के अभियान (ERPAD) के संबंध में।
महोदय,

उपरोक्त विषय पर आयोग के पत्र संख्या 23/1/2015-ERS, दिनांक 07.02.2015 का संदर्भ ग्रहण करने का कष्ट करें, जिसके द्वारा दिनांक 15.02.2015 से 15.05.2015 की अवधि के लिए दिनांक 14.02.2015 को प्रारम्भ(Launch) किये जाने वाले Electoral Purification and Authentication Drive(ERPAD) से संबंधित दिशा-निर्देशों के संबंध में सुझाव उपलब्ध कराने की अपेक्षा की गयी है।

2 इस संबंध में मुझे यह संज्ञान में लाना है कि इस अभियान में स्थानीय स्तर पर बूथ लेवल अधिकारियों की महत्वपूर्ण भूमिका रहेगी। उल्लेखनीय है कि माह फरवरी से माह अप्रैल तक की अवधि में विद्यालयों में बोर्ड परीक्षाएं आयोजित होती हैं तथा एक बड़ी संख्या में पोलिंग बूथ ऐसे विद्यालयों में स्थापित हैं जहां इन परीक्षाओं के केन्द्र भी हैं। अधिकांश बूथ लेवल अधिकारियों के शिक्षण सेवा में कार्यरत होने के कारण तथा उनकी ड्यूटी कक्ष निरीक्षक आदि के रूप में भी लगने की स्थिति में इस अवधि में उपरोक्त अभियान में व्यवहारिक कठिनाइयां आने की सम्भावना रहेगी।

3 यह भी उल्लेखनीय है कि माह फरवरी एवं मार्च वित्तीय वर्ष के अन्तिम महीने होने के कारण फील्ड में अधिकारियों एवं कर्मचारियों की गहन व्यस्तता के दिन होते हैं। इस दृष्टिकोण से भी इस अभियान को मूर्त रूप देने के लिए उचित होगा कि अभियान के प्रारम्भ करने की तिथि दिनांक 15 अप्रैल, 2015 से रखने पर विचार किया जाये।

उपरोक्तानुसार सुझाव विचारार्थ प्रेषित है।

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Date : 10/02/2015

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Sub: Improvement in Electoral Rolls- regarding.
Ref: Commission No 23/1/2015-ERS, dated 7th February 2015.

Sir,

In response to the letter of the Commission under reference regarding Improvement in Electoral Rolls the suggestions/ inputs on the draft guideline are as follows:

1. Considering the progress so far achieved by different States the Commission may devise and adopt different strategies under Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Drive (ERPAD), considering following parameters/ factors based on ground reality -

- States having/ not having an International border.
- State having significant / moderate / insignificant presence of IT infrastructure and e-services.
- Enrolment status (% of EP Ratio over target) of individual States - (i) >95 %; (ii) 90- 95 %; (iii) < 90 %.

Above parameters will constitute a matrix - in which all our initiative can be framed.

		Presence of IT Infrastructure/ e-Services		
		Significant	Moderate	Insignificant
Enrolment Status	>95 %			
	90- 95 %			
	< 90 %			

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2. Main Objectives of ERPAD (States facing/ not facing International Border): The addition to the objectives as detailed in the ECI guideline should include-
 - 100% Enrolment of eligible electors.
 - 100 % Error free EPIC.
3. Other Important points regarding hearing and disposal by EROs/ AEROs – Personal appearance of the elector for correction may not be entirely dispensed off. The ERO should reserve the right of verification for the purpose of authentication of identity of the elector as well as the documents.
4. SVEEP Campaign –
 - a. In addition to the points which are agreed upon, it is proposed that cost-effective and output oriented strategies may be suitably utilized depending upon the local needs, practices, customs and behaviour patterns. The strategies, therefore, should be culture-sensitive and customised to local needs. Interventions like distribution of voters slip by BLOs on different occasions and issues, quiz competitions among the newly enrolled electors at the educational institutions, sit-and-draw competitions at educational institutions, formation of human chains, run-for-democracy etc. Have come out quite effective from the point of view of economy and response.
 - b. Inter-personal communication through BLOs, educational institutions, local bodies and functionaries such as AWWs, ANMs etc. Should be integral part of mass mobilization activity.
5. In the last line of Page no 1 of the guideline it is mentioned that the Commission is considering for having special intensive revision this year with 01.01.2016 as qualifying date. As we understand that during Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls everything is done afresh and de-novo. Since the Commission is planning to undertake Electoral Roll Purification and Authentication Drive (ERPAD) this year to improve the quality of electoral rolls therefore, we may not take up Intensive Revision of Electoral Rolls this year discarding all Pre-Revision activities.
6. Regarding Tatkal Correction, the statutory compulsion of receiving Form 8 at the ERO Office during continuous updation as well as displaying the same for clear 7 days may be suitably amended to avail the opportunity of Tatkal Correction in a more decentralised manner at locations other than ERO office. Moreover, the facility of Tatkal correction may be done prior to any election to facilitate the electors to correct their records in the electoral rolls/ EPIC.

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7. In this state, BLO house-to-house survey and BLO family register was very much useful to increase the enrolment figure, achieving 100% EPIC and PER coverage, gender ratio, enrolment of 18-19 electors and correction of elector details. I feel that BLOs may be engaged effectively for collection of information regarding Aadhaar No. and other particulars from the electors. The Commission may consider remunerating the BLOs suitably for this job. The fund allotted for SVEEP activities intending to inform all electors to populate their Aadhaar number, may be used for collection of information through BLOs.

8. As all the activities mandated by the Commission will involve mobilization of substantial amount of fund, therefore, I would request to move the Commission to take up this issue with the State Government for allocation of fund at least 30% over and above in the State Budget. As you know that the Commission has allotted special fund for conducting training and SVEEP activities in different states in previous years. Similar kind of fund from the end of Commission to all the Chief Electoral Officers will help to pull up all the activities in a time bound manner.

Yours faithfully

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	<p>manual report by the presiding officer. Data analysis at state and national level will also become easier</p> <p>You are requested to send your suggestions / inputs on the above draft guidelines by 10.02.2015 to enable the Commission to finalize and issue the guidelines before launching ERPAD.</p>		
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		<p>West Bengal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SVEEP: Intervention like distribution of voters slips by BLOs, quiz/drawing competitions for newly enrolled electors at educational institutions, formation of human chains, run for democracy are quite effective programs. Communication through BLOs/AWWs, educational institutions, local bodies etc. should be integral part of mass mobilization. BLOs may be compensated suitably by enhancing the remuneration. The fund for SVEEP activities may be utilized for this exercise. <p>Take up the issue of fund allocation with the state government. Commission may also consider allotting special fund for ERPAD on the lines of training and SVEEP activities.</p>	
9	<p><u>Partnership with Stakeholders</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Meeting and briefing of Political Parties will done at all levels and request will be made to make BLAs for all Polling Stations and actively associate them in this campaign and launch publicity at their end as well. Working closely with good Civil Society organisations Take active support of educational instructions and schools in popularising this drive. 	<p>Jharkhand:</p> <p>Response in this regard of Political Parties is very poor during non-election period</p> <p>Punjab:</p> <p>Political Parties remain indifferent in appointing BLAs</p>	<p style="text-align: right;">The Report of the Joint Commission of Enquiry into the Alleged Bribe Paid to the Members of Legislature in the Election Commission of India New Delhi-110068</p>

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- Possibility of linking the data of Service personnel available with the Ministry of Defence to the proposed national E-Roll database may also be explored

Mizoram:

- Birth Certificate may also be included in the list of documents for authentication of electors.

Punjab:

A column could be made in the working copy to be provided to BLO to collect Aadhar Number during door to door to survey.

Rajasthan:

- By allowing other documents in addition to Aadhar Number will again lead to chance of duplicate entries as elector can get enrolled at two places with the help of producing two different documents at two places. Suggested to allow only one document i.e Aadhar for authentication.

- **NVSP:** Feeding of information through SMS Gateway, Mobile App, e-mail etc. may also be facilitated through a Central Portal.

Uttarakhand:

Aadhar Seeding would be only way to curb the duplicacy. But voluntary declaration of Aadhar number by the Voter without any matching

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Region II

		<p>States may be taken up with the ministry concerned.</p> <p>During continuous updating, hearing of claims and objections may be done once a week and during summary revision this may be done on daily basis.</p> <p>Jharkhand:</p> <p>In view of other responsibilities, instead of daily hearing, it should be done once a week at prescribed time and location.</p> <p>Rolls should also be available at AERO level.</p> <p>On the spot, Tatkal correction and authentication are not feasible due to connectivity and logistical reasons.</p>	
6	<p><u>Other Important Points reg. Hearing and Disposal by EROs / AEROs</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Correction to be done in the shortest possible period (maximum within 7 days if field verification required) • For correction / replacement of photograph, any family member can visit with necessary application and supporting document. Personal appearance of applicant not required in each case. • After correction of particulars / replacement of photograph, no replacement EPIC shall be issued but a photo voter slip with corrected details / replaced photograph with signature of concerned ERO / AERO/ 	<p>West Bengal:</p> <p>Other important points regarding hearing and disposal: personal appearance of the electors may not be dispensed off entirely and ERO should reserve right of verification.</p>	<p>TRUE COPY 17/01/2017 Election Commission of India 110001 Asoka Road, New Delhi-110001</p>

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Main Objectives of ERPAD

To achieve a Draft E-Roll by 1st October, 2015 which is

- 100 % Error -free.
- 100% Multiple-entry free not only at the state level but also at the National Level.
- 100% linked and authenticated by Biometric data of Aadhaar and in absence of non-coverage of Aadhaar, by one of the 5 documents, namely, Passport, Driving License, PAN Card, TIN No. or by Bank Account.
- All data as far as possible linked with email or mobile no. (of Self or of a family member)

Salient Features of ERPAD

- Massive Campaign for Voluntary Disclosure of Multiple Entries and authentication of records by the Voters supported by the Web Portal of NVSP and by ERO's Facilitation Centres, and other Centres of E-Seva, CSC, Lokvani, Post -Offices and Banks.
- Briefing of the CEOs and proper training to DEOs, EROs/AEROs and BLOs.
- Daily hearing by EROs/AEROs at ERO office or Voters' Service Centres and spot correction and authentication and issuance of Photo voter slip by ERO.
- Special Camps at earmarked Centres for Authentication, Spot Correction and deletion.
- Strict Monitoring by EROs, DEOs, and CEOs and the ECI.
- Award for the 100% achievers at BLO, ERO, DEO and CEO Levels in three categories of authentication, correction and deletion of multiple entries.

Arunachal Pradesh:

- Due to poor internet connectivity / power supply in the State, online activities like E-Seva, Web portal of NVSP, SMS Gate way, face-book, youtube, twitter etc., on the spot modification, deletion, correction, issue voter slip and EPIC etc., will not be possible.

Gujarat

- Exact methodology for voluntary disclosure of multiple entries should be laid down.
- Instead of daily hearing and disposal by EROs/AEROs, one fixed day hearing and weekly monitoring has been recommended.
- Instruction for suo-moto deletion may be incorporated.

Uttar Pradesh:

- Due to end of financial year in Feb-March and Board Exams in Feb-April, field officers and BLOs will be extremely busy and therefore,

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generate MIS reports on the particulars of electors verified, pending electors and also the details of Aadhar numbers collected etc. The Camp office could also function as a convergent point to collect and dispose claims and objections during the field verification period.

- The entire exercise could be carried out in one go instead of repeat exercise during revision.

Punjab:

Door to Door survey may be conducted before the draft publication of electoral rolls with reference to 01.01.2016 as the qualifying date.

Uttarakhand:

For rationalization of polling stations, entire geographical area of the constituency may be divided into earmarked pockets on the same line as in delimitation for the constituency.

The boundary/contour of the map of the polling area, should be earmarked on Google maps so that incumbent/potential voter knows, as to which booth he belongs to and whom to contact. Polling station rationalization should not keep changing the boundar5y of the

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roll is now strongly felt. Hence, the Commission is considering for having special intensive revision this year with 01.01.2016 as qualifying date.

rationalization of polling stations is from 15.03.2015 to 30.06.2015.

- Longer period for next summary revision proposed to be started from 1st September 2015 with final publication by mid February 2016.

- Additional one time remuneration for BLOs (3000/-) and Sector Officer (2500/-)

Haryana:

- Marking of house numbering and identification of Sections should be done through Census and Revenue department.

- Preparation of digital maps for polling stations

- Clear guidelines for surveyors/enumerators.

- Use of BLAs in the exercise.

- Revision should be done only at the time of bye-elections of particular constituency and in election year and in between regular enrolment of eligible person correction in entries, deletions etc. should be done on regular basis and electoral rolls should be published as drat by merging the data of electors enrolled after final publication.

- Administrative units existing on cut-off date should be taken for

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